Workshop on Transport Policy in the Capital

2783. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the issues which were debated in the Workshop on Transport Policy held in the Capital from 4th June, 2002, as reported in the Times of India, dated the 1st June, 2002;

(b) the salient recommendations made by the group to control pollution, ease congestion, control accidents and provide safe and comfortable transport system in metropolitan cities; and

(c) the action taken by Government on these recommendations specially to provide relief to the citizens of the Capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) The following issues were debated in the four technical sessions conducted in the workshop:—

(i) Issues in Urban Transport Policy;

(ii) Resource Generation (Financing) for Urban Transport;

(iii) Issues in Mass (Public) Transport and Urban Road Transport;

(iv) Institutional Issues in Urban Transport.

(b) The recommendations made in the Workshop include:—

giving explicit priority to mass transport over personalized transport;

- implementation of Transport Systems management measures;
- the integration of land use and transport planning;
- setting up a designated agency for planning and coordination of Urban Transport issues;
- setting up of Special Purpose Vehicles for funding larger Urban Transport projects and tapping other sources such as user charges, share of fuel taxes, parking revenue etc. for generating resources;
- preparation of a comprehensive legislation for Urban Transport.

(c) Based on the recommendations of the workshop it is proposed to initiate consultations with the State Governments as transport is a State subject.

Status of Najafgarh, Narela and Nangloi towns

2784. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Najafgarh, Narela and Nangloi towns are in the category of urbanised towns;

(b) if so, the details of the notifications etc. issued in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons for including these towns in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c)The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has informed that the village *abadis* of Najafgarh, Nangloi Sayyed and Nangloi Razapur ceased to be rural areas *vide* notification No. RNZ/526, dated 23rd May, 1963 and TCO/82/47, dated 23rd April, 1982. As per the recommendations of Master Plan of Delhi, 2001 the settlement of Najafgarh, Narela and Nangloi are to be part of Urban Extension of Delhi urban area.

Agreements with foreign countries on urban development

2785. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that delegations connected with urban affairs were sent to foreign countries for further co-operation and development in the urban areas during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the subjects of mutual interest discussed with them; and

(c) the names of the countries with whom agreements were signed alongwith the details of each agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The details of delegation who visited foreign countries during the last two financial years and the current financial year (upto 31-07-2002) are given in the Statement.